

Farm Service Agency

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8:00 – 4:30 Mon. – Fri

May 10, 2006

County Committee
Joe Stucky, Chairperson
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County Committee Meeting
2nd Wednesday of Month @ 8:30 am

County Executive Director
Brad S. Sherman

Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program Signup

The signup for the 2006 Direct and Counter-Cyclical Payment (DCP) Program began October 1, 2005 and ends on June 1, 2006. Late-filed enrollments are permitted until **September 30, 2006** but there is a **\$100 per farm late-filing fee**.

The benefits of DCP include both a guaranteed direct payment and a counter-cyclical payment. The guaranteed direct payment rates are 28¢ for corn, 35¢ for sorghum, 52¢ for wheat, 24¢ for barley, 2.4¢ for oats, 44¢ for soybeans, 6.67¢ for cotton, and .8¢ for sunflowers. Counter-cyclical payments are only earned when market prices fall below the target prices levels for the applicable crops.

DCP has complete planting flexibility on base acres with the exception of fruits and vegetables. Producers may not plant fruits and vegetables on base acres unless the farm or producer has a history of planting fruits or vegetables. The base acres are permitted to be idle, grass, or planted to any other crop. Please contact the office to make arrangements to signup before the June 1 deadline.

Crop Acreage Reporting/Certification

The deadline to file an acreage report for small grain crops (wheat, barley, rye, oats, and triticale) is **May 31, 2006**. Acreage reports are required to be eligible for the following program benefits:

- Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program (DCP)
- Loan Deficiency Payments (LDP)
- Wool and Mohair LDP's
- Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)
- Noninsured Assistance Program (NAP)
- Fruit and Vegetables (FAV's)
- Maintaining cropping history

Please call and schedule an appointment to report your acreage prior to the May 31 deadline.

Loan Deficiency Payment (LDP) Applications

A relatively new form is available to streamline the Loan Deficiency Payment (LDP) application process. The new form is the CCC-633 EZ.

By filing the CCC-633EZ, Page 1 before you sell your crops (or otherwise lose beneficial interest in the commodity), you indicate your intention to receive Loan Deficiency Payment (LDP) benefits. After filing this form, you will be eligible for the LDP on all eligible commodities (including wool and mohair) provided all other program requirements are met.

Once this form is on file and the commodity is harvested or shorn, producers can file a CCC-633EZ, Page 2, to request benefits anytime before the final loan/LDP availability date for the commodity. Cotton producers will file CCC-633EZ, Page 3, to request benefits. Producers retain the ability to obtain marketing assistance loans on the commodity, unless

a CCC-633EZ, Page 2 or Page 3, is already filed on the quantity. The LDP rate will depend on whether the producer still has beneficial interest (risk, title, control) in the commodity at the time of the application.

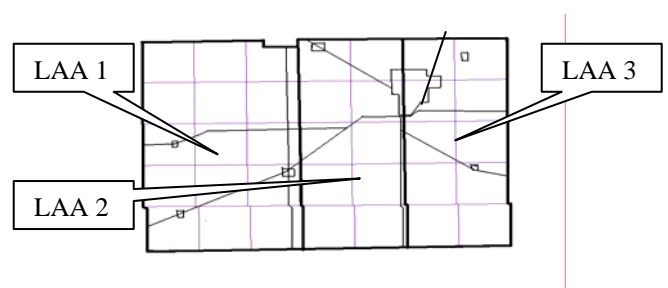
- If the producer still has beneficial interest, the LDP rate will be the rate in effect for the county where the commodity is stored on the date the Page 2 or 3 is filed.
- If beneficial interest has been lost, the LDP rate will be the rate in effect for the administrative county where the farm records are maintained on the day beneficial interest was lost. Documentation will need to be provided for FSA to determine the date that beneficial interest was lost.

We are urging all producers to sign this form before they start harvest or begin shearing. We mailed a CCC-633EZ earlier this year to all producers with cropland. This form covers all eligible commodities (including wool, mohair and unshorn pelts) on all farms, in all counties. If you did not sign the form earlier, please do so before harvest or shearing.

County Committee Election

FSA is accepting nominations for candidates to run for the FSA County Committee. **August 1, 2006** is the deadline to file a nomination petition.

This year's election is being conducted in the western part of the county that has been designated as Local Administrative Area 1 (See map below). Edward Thayer is the current County Committee member from LAA 1.



Female and other under represented groups are encouraged to take part in this important election and the nomination process. Nomination petitions (Form FSA-669A) and fact sheets about the election are available at the following website or they may be obtained at the county office:

<http://www.fsa.usda.gov/pas/publications/elections/>

Nominees should be willing to serve a three-year term (if elected) overseeing the operation of the FSA county office. Individuals of legal voting age with an interest in farmland as an owner, operator, tenant, or sharecropper, or are eligible to participate in any FSA program, are eligible to vote in the election. Spouses are also eligible to vote and serve on the committee if nominated and elected.

The locally elected committee shoulders primary responsibility for making national farm programs fit the needs and situations faced by local farmers. They bring local expertise and knowledge to the daily delivery of FSA programs and services.

**Milk Income Loss Contract Extension
(MILCX) Program**

Recent legislation has authorized an extension of the Milk Income Loss Contract (MILCX) Program through August 31, 2007.

The program signup started March 13 and it runs through **May 17, 2006**. This program financially compensates dairy producers when the price of Boston Class I milk falls below \$16.94 per cwt. Eligible dairy producers are those who produced milk in the United States (U.S.) and marketed the milk commercially in the U.S.

The payment rates for December through April are:

December 2005	\$0.0408000
January 2006	\$0.1054000
February 2006	\$0.1054000
March 2006	\$0.4080000
April 2006	\$0.8398000

Future month’s payment rates will be 34 percent of the difference between \$16.94 and the domestic Class I price for that month.

Be sure to sign up before the **May 17, 2006 deadline**. Late enrollments are permitted, however, you will not be eligible for payments prior to the month of the late enrollment.

Record Changes

If you have bought, sold or are renting different land, make sure you report the changes to the FSA office as soon as possible. For farm ownership changes, you will need to provide a recorded deed or a recorded land contract. Failure to maintain accurate records with FSA on all land you have an interest can lead to possible program ineligibility and fines if you are participating in FSA programs. In general, **September 30** is the deadline to report changes to be eligible for program payments for the applicable program year.

As a reminder, if you’re planning to sell farmland that is enrolled in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), there may be program consequences associated with the sale of the land if the buyer does not become a successor-in-interest on the CRP contract. For example, if the buyer does not become a successor-in-interest on the CRP contract, the seller may be required to refund all of the previously issued payments plus be assessed interest and liquidated damage penalties. Please ensure your take adequate safeguards so the buyer will assume all the sellers responsibility for the CRP contract.

Twenty Years of CRP



On December 23, 1985, President Reagan signed the law which created the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP). This year we celebrate the 20th anniversary of the program and want to congratulate all the current and past program participants for making CRP the most successful conservation program ever created on private lands! The CRP provides tremendous benefits for erosion control, water quality, and wildlife habitat. More than 2300 Reno County producers have participated in the CRP and there are approximately 92,000 acres currently in the program.

Dual Purpose Sorghum

As in the past, dual purpose sorghum is eligible for loan deficiency payments (LDP’s). If you plan to file an LDP application on dual purpose sorghum, we will need documentation (such as seed tickets and invoices) showing the specific variety planted and harvested. You can obtain a list of eligible and ineligible sorghum varieties at our office.



Dates to Remember	
May 17	Deadline to file for Milk Income Loss Contract Extension (MILC) Program
May 31	Deadline for 2005 commodity loans and LDP’s for feed grains and oilseeds
May 31	Deadline to report acreages of small grain crops
May 31	Deadline to apply for 2005 Hard White Winter Wheat Incentive Program
June 1	Deadline to enroll in the Direct and Counter-Cyclical Payment Program
June 30	Deadline to re-enroll or extend CRP contracts expiring 2008 through 2010
August 1	Deadline to report acreage of spring seeded crops and CRP
August 1	Final date for 2006 farm reconstitution
September 30	Late Enrollment in DCP (\$100 fee)
September 30	Final Date to Report Farm Changes affecting DCP contracts
Continuing	Conservation Reserve Program continuous sign-up.
Continuing	Direct and Guaranteed Farm Loan Applications being accepted.
Continuing	Loan Applications for Youth Loans

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